

Patent

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/881,911

Applicants: Taylor, et al.

Filed: 06/15/2001

Art Unit: 3624

Examiner: Bashore, Alain L.

Docket No.: 3801.P044

Customer No.: 08791

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on July 6, 2004

Date of Deposit

Vineta T. Tufono

Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

7/6/2004

Date

Confirmation No.: 8378

JUL 1 5 2004

GROUP 3600

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Signature

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this amendment and to consider the remarks that follow:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Argument begins on page 11 of this paper.